

CLAIMS

What is claimed is new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims:

1. A system for distributing data comprising:
 - a) a database for storing and cataloging data representing pre-recorded movies;
 - b) a billing system connected to said database for selectively providing and controlling access to said data;
 - c) a user interface including means for requesting said data and means for viewing said data; and

d) a transmission network connected between said user interface and said database for selectively transmitting said data therebetween, wherein upon said billing system providing access to a user, said requesting means generates a data request for retrieving said data from said database for transmission of said data via said transmission network for viewing by said viewing means.

2. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said database comprises:

- a) a first processor; and
- b) a first communication device connected to said first processor, said first communication device includes a first transmitter and first receiver, wherein said first processor causes said communication device to selectively receive and transmit said data over said transmission network.

3. The system as recited in claim 2, where said transmission network comprises:

- a) a second processor; and

- b) a second communication device connected to said second processor, said second communication device includes a second transmitter and second receiver wherein said second processor causes said second communication device to selectively receive said data from and transmit said data to each of said database and said user interface.
4. The system as recited in claim 3, wherein said user interface comprises:
- a) a third processor; and
 - b) a third communication device connected to said third processor, said third communication device includes a third transmitter and third receiver, wherein said third processor causes said request from said requesting means to be selectively transmitted by said third processor for receipt by said second receiver and said third receiver receives said data from said second transmitter for display by said display means.
5. The system as recited in claim 4, wherein said database further comprises means for inputting data for storage in said database.

6. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said inputting means includes at least one of a DVD player, a MPEG player, a video cassette recorder, an internet connection, and an 8MM tape player.

7. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said viewing means is a television screen.

8. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said transmission network is at least one of a cable television system, a satellite transmission system, a telephone network, and a fiber optic cable network.

9. The system as recited in claim 5, wherein said request generated by said requesting means is compared by said first processor to said catalogue of said data stored in said database, and upon said first processor finding said data equal to said request, said first processor causes said first transmitter to transmit said data via said transmission network for receipt by said user interface.

10. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said viewing means is at least one of a computer monitor and a television.

11. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said user interface further comprises a remote control unit for selectively causing said requesting means to generate said request.

12. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said billing system allows a user to gain access to said data using means for making a payment.

13. The system as recited in claim 12, wherein said payment making means includes at least one of a credit card payment, subscription fee payment, a debit payment, and a monthly statement requiring payment by a predetermined date.

14. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said data represents movies filmed and produced in Asia.

15. The system as recited in claim 14, wherein said data represents movies filmed and produced by Asian production companies.

16. The system as recited in claim 15, wherein said data further includes at least one of full length motion pictures and mini-series programs having a predetermined number of parts associated therewith.